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04333-0016

July 9, 2009

Subject: **South Thomaston**

Federal Project No. BR-1674(500)S

State Pin No.016745.00

**Amendment No. 1**

DAVID A. COLE  
COMMISSIONER

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following changes to the Bid Documents:

In the Bid Book (page 45), "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 105, TIME", **CHANGE** the contract completion date from "June 30, 2010" to read "**July 15, 2010**". Make this change in pen and ink.

In the Bid Book (pages 80 and 81), "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 502, CALCIUM NITRATE", **DELETE** the following; Example 1:, Example 2:, and Example 3:. Make this change in pen and ink.

In the Bid Book (page 82), "SPECIAL PROVISION, SECTION 502, STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, (QC/QA Acceptance Methods)", in the last sentence **CHANGE** "per cubic meter.." to read "per cubic **yard**...". Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Special Provision 105 states that in water work is allowed from 11/8 to 4/9. The temporary detour construction essentially cannot be constructed until 11/8 due to this restriction. This leaves 7 months to construct the temporary detour, construct the new bridge and open to traffic by 5/30. We do not feel this is adequate time to complete this amount of work. Is it possible to extend the new bridge opening an final completion date of this project?

**Response:** The Department has determined that the installation of pilings 24" diameter or less will not be considered in-water work and may commence at any time. The open to traffic dates and project completion dates have also been revised above.

**Question:** Special Provision 510 states that no fill shall be placed beyond the existing or proposed toes of slopes to construct the detour. Is the intent for the temporary detour to be pile supported the entire length of the detour (550' +/-)?

**Response:** Outside the existing or proposed toe of riprap slope, only driven piles may be used as support for the temporary detour.



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**Question:** Is the bridge being entirely removed in one shot or does traffic access need to be maintained and is the bridge therefore being rebuilt in two stages? Are there any construction staging plans?

**Response:** The traffic will be maintained on a temporary bridge. The existing bridge can be removed in its entirety. See Special Provision 510.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on July 15, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. L. Bickford", written in a cursive style.

For Scott Bickford  
Contracts & Specifications Engineer